

VZCZCXYZ0021
OO RUEHWEB

DE RUCNDT #1202/01 3551723
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 211723Z DEC 07
FM USMISSION USUN NEW YORK
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3403
INFO RUEHLB/AMEMBASSY BEIRUT PRIORITY 1227
RUEHTV/AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV PRIORITY 1700
RUEHJM/AMCONSUL JERUSALEM PRIORITY 1129
RUEHUB/USINT HAVANA PRIORITY 0239
RUEHGV/USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY 2988

UNCLAS USUN NEW YORK 001202

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR IO/EDA

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: [EFIN](#) [ECIN](#) [AORC](#) [UNGA](#) [ETRD](#) [SENV](#) [KPAL](#) [LE](#) [IS](#)
SUBJECT: GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTS SECOND COMMITTEE
RESOLUTIONS

REF: A. STATE 168987
[1](#)B. USUN 1188 AND PREVIOUS

[1](#)1. Summary. On December 19, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) took final action on all remaining resolutions adopted by the Second Committee. The UNGA voted on six resolutions that were also voted on in the Committee and adopted all others by consensus. End summary.

UNGA Votes

[1](#)2. The UNGA took a vote on A/62/415, "Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources," submitted under Agenda item 41. The resolution was adopted 166-7(U.S.)-6.

[1](#)3. Under Agenda item 52(a), Macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development, the UNGA voted on A/62/417/Add.1, "Unilateral economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries." The resolution was adopted 128-2(U.S.)-51. The U.S. delivered an Explanation of Vote (EOV) per ref tel that can be found under the December 19 Press Releases on <http://www.un.int/usa>. Also under this Agenda item and in the same "A" document, the UNGA adopted the resolution "International trade and development" with a vote of 126-48(U.S.)-7.

[1](#)4. Under Agenda item 54, the UNGA voted on A/62/419(Part II), "Oil slick on Lebanon shores." The resolution was adopted with a vote of 169-8(U.S.)-3. Under Agenda item 54(a), the UNGA voted on A/62/419/Add.1, "Agricultural Technology for Development." The resolution passed with a vote of 147(U.S.)-0-30. Israel, the resolution's original sponsor, provided an EOV that thanked delegations for their support but also criticized Arab delegations for politicization of the issue and their refusal to support the resolution. (Note: Most of the abstentions were cast by Arab governments.)

[1](#)5. Under Agenda item 54(e), the UNGA voted on operative paragraph 17 (a paragraph with budgetary implications) of the resolution contained in A/62/419/Add.5, "Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa." With a vote of 172-2(U.S. and Japan)-1, the paragraph was included in the resolution and then the resolution as a whole was adopted by

consensus.

Consensus Adoptions by Agenda Item

¶16. Item 51: A/62/416, "Information and communication technologies for development."

¶17. Item 52(b): A/62/417/Add.2, "International Financial System and Development." Item 52(c): A/62/417/Add.3, "External debt and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries."

¶18. Item 53: A/62/418, "Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus."

¶19. Item 54(a): A/62/419/Add.1, "Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development." Item 54(b): A/62/419/Add.2, "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States." Item 54(c): A/62/419/Add.3, "International Strategy for Disaster Reduction." Item 54(f): A/62/419/Add.5, "Convention on Biological Diversity." Item 54(g): A/62/419/Add.7, "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on its twenty-fourth special session." Item 54(h): A/62/419/Add.8, "Sustainable mountain development." Item 54(i): A/62/419/Add.9, "Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy."

¶10. Item 55: A/62/420, "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)."

¶11. Item 56(a): A/62/421/Add.1, "Globalization and interdependence." Item 56(b): A/62/421/Add.2, "International Year of Astronomy, 2009," and "Science and technology for development." Item 56(c): A/62/421/Add.3, "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption."

¶12. Item 57(a): A/62/422/Add.1, "Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries." Item 57(b): A/62/422/Add.2, "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation."

¶13. Item 58: A/62/423/Add.1, "Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017)." Item 58(b): A/62/423/Add.2, "Women in development." Item 58(c): A/62/423/Add.3, "Human resources development."

¶14. Item 59(a): A/62/424/Add.1, "Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report on the activities

SIPDIS

of the United Nations Fund for Women." Item 59(b): A/62/424/Add.2, "Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system." Item 59(c): A/62/424/Add.3, "South-South cooperation for development."

¶15. Item 60: A/62/425, "Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research."

¶16. Item 61: A/62/426, "Towards global partnerships."

¶17. Item 121: A/62/427, "Programme of work of the Second Committee for the sixty-third session of the General Assembly."

¶18. Item 129: A/62/428, "Programme planning."
Khalilzad